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BY REUTER

(UNDATED)---THE UNITED STATES TODAY (THURSDAY) PUT ITS MILITARY FORCES -- INCLUDING MISSILE BASES -- ON ALERT THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AMID SIGNS THAT THE RUSSIANS MIGHT BE MOVING TROOPS TO THE MIDDLE EAST TO POLICE THE ARAB-ISRAELI CEASEFIRE.

* THE ALERT, WHICH ALSO INCLUDED THE STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND --PRINCIPLE NUCLEAR DETERRENT FORCE OF THE UNITED STATES -- WAS THE MOST SERIOUS SINCE THE CUBAN MISSILE CRISIS OF 1962.

IT WAS SOUNDED AS URGENT MOVES TO TURN THE FRAGILE MIDDLE ARAB-ISRAELI CEASEFIRE INTO A MORE DURABLE PEACE WERE UNDER WAY IN THE UNITED NATIONS.

BUT THOUGH THE GUNS HAD FALLEN SILENT ON THE DEVASTATED GO'AN HEIGHTS BATTLE LINES, THE EGYPTIANS CLAIMED THAT FIGHTING WAS STILL RAGING EARLY THURSDAY ON THE SUEZ FRONT IN DEFIANCE OF SECURITY COUNCIL CEASEFIRE CALLS.

THE U.N. PEACE-SEEKING MOVES CAME EARLY THURSDAY WITH A FORMAL CALL FROM EIGHTY-NON-ALIGNED MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL FOR THE IMMEDIATE CREATION OF A PEACE FORCE TO KEEP THE WARRING SIDES APART.

THEIR DRAFT RESOLUTION ALSO REQUESTED SECRETARY GENERAL KURT WALDHEIM TO REPORT WITHIN 24 HOURS ON STEPS TO ORGANIZE SUCH A FORCE.

EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MOHAMED HASSAN EL-ZAYYAT HAD TOLD THE SECURITY COUNCIL THAT ISRAELI LASER-GUISED MISSILES AND NAPALM "ARE RIGHT NOW BEING USED AGAINST OUR FORCES AND OUR CITIZENS IN THE TOWN OF SUEZ."

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(MIDEAST)

SUEZ CANAL (UPI) -- THE UNITED STATES PUT AIRMEN AND GROUND TROOPS ON ALERT AT HOME AND AT SOME OVERSEAS BASES TODAY APPARENTLY AS A PRECAUTION AND A DIPLOMATIC CARD IN THE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS. ADMINISTRATION SOURCES SAID IT HAD URGED RUSSIA NOT TO SEND FORCES TO POLICE THE CEASE-FIRE AS REQUESTED BY EGYPT.

ISRAEL AND EGYPT BOTH REPORTED SPORADIC CLASHES ALONG THE SUEZ CANAL, BUT THE CEASE-FIRE SPONSORED BY THE TWO SUPERPOWERS APPEARED TO BE HOLDING AGAIN TODAY.

SOME PENTAGON SOURCES SAID THE ALERT FOLLOWED NOTIFICATION BY MOSCOW TO THE UNITED STATES THAT IT MIGHT SEND TROOPS TO THE MIDEAST TO HELP POLICE THE SHAKY TRUCE AS REQUESTED BY EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT. THE UNITED STATES REFUSED SADAT'S REQUEST.

SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER MET FAR INTO THE NIGHT WITH SOVIET AMBASSADOR ANATOLY DOBRYNIN. INFORMED SOURCES SAID KISSINGER TOLD HIM "IT WOULD NOT BE A WISE" MOVE FOR THE SOVIET UNION TO SEND TROOPS TO THE MIDDLE EAST.

A DEFENSE DEPARTMENT SOURCE SAID THE ALERT WAS "PURELY PRECAUTIONARY AND A ROUTINE THING TO DO IN A SITUATION LIKE THIS." HE DID NOT EXPLAIN, HOWEVER, WHAT "THE SITUATION" WAS.

PENTAGON SOURCES SAID THE ALERT INCLUDED THE 82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION AT FT. BRAGG, N.C., AS WELL AS U.S. "QUICK REACTION TEAMS" AT BASES IN EUROPE.

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ADD 1 ALERT, WASHINGTON (UPI-008)

SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER CONFERRED AT LENGTH DURING THE
NIGHT WITH SOVIET AMBASSADOR ANATOLY DOBRYNIN, FOLLOWING EGYPT'S
DEMAND FOR U.S.-SOVIET FORCES TO POLICE THE MIDEAST CEASE-FIRE.

THEY ENDED THEIR TALKS AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHORTLY AFTER
MIDNIGHT, SOURCES SAID.

WITHIN TWO HOURS, FIRST WORD OF THE ALERT LEAKED OUT FROM SOME OF
THE AFFECTED UNITS THEMSELVES.

ADMINISTRATION SOURCES SAID THAT DURING HIS CONFERENCES WITH
DOBRYNIN, WHO HAD ACCOMPANIED KISSINGER TO MOSCOW LAST WEEKEND FOR
TALKS THAT LED TO A MOSCOW-WASHINGTON CEASE-FIRE PLAN, THE SECRETARY
OF STATE WARNED OF THE DANGERS OF SENDING RUSSIAN TROOPS TO THE WAR
AREA.

THE UNITED STATES SAID QUICKLY AFTER EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT ANWAR
SADAT SUGGESTED THE U.S.-SOVIET PEACEKEEPING FORCE THAT IT HAD NO
INTENTION OF GOING ALONG. INFORMED SOURCES SAID KISSINGER TOLD
DOBRYNIN "IT WOULD NOT BE A WISE MOVE" FOR RUSSIA TO DO SO EITHER.

AS OF 7:30 A.M. EDT, DEFENSE SOURCES SAID THERE HAD BEEN NO
REPORTED MOVEMENTS OF SOVIET TROOPS TO THE WAR ZONE.

KISSINGER HAD A PREVIOUSLY ARRANGED APPOINTMENT AT THE WHITE HOUSE
THIS MORNING TO GIVE CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS A RUNDOWN ON MIDEAST
DEVELOPMENTS.

SADAT HAD ASKED FOR A UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING TO
ASK THAT AMERICAN AND SOVIET TROOPS BE DISPATCHED TO THE AREA TO
POLICE THE TRUCE, WHICH SADAT CLAIMED WAS BEING VIOLATED BY ISRAEL.

JOHN SCALI, U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THE U.N., TURNED DOWN THE SADAT
REQUEST, AS DID THE WHITE HOUSE.

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(OIL)

BEIRUT (UPI) -- THERE WILL BE NO IMMEDIATE TRUCE IN THE OIL BATTLE
AGAINST THE UNITED STATES EVEN IF THE CEASE-FIRE ENDING THE MIDDLE
EAST WAR TAKES HOLD, ARAB OIL SOURCES SAID TODAY.

ALTHOUGH THERE ARE INDICATIONS SOME OIL PRODUCERS ALREADY ARE
EASING AWAY FROM THEIR JOINT DECISION TO REDUCE EXPORTS TO THE REST
OF THE WESTERN WORLD, THE BAN ON U.S. DELIVERIES WILL NOT BE LIFTED
UNTIL BECAUSE THE ARAB-ISRAELI FIGHTING ENDS, SOURCES SAID.

OIL EXPERTS SAY SAUDI ARABIA, THE LARGEST OIL PRODUCER, MAY
RESTRICT DELIVERIES TO THE U.S. IF THE FIGHTING ENDS.